

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-54 have been canceled without prejudice.

55. (original) A method for providing telecommunications services in a telecommunications network, comprising the steps by a telecommunications service provider of:

monitoring data relating to communications initiation criteria for at least two communicants in the telecommunications network; and

initiating communications comprising at least one of e-mail and instant-messaging by determining, by processing the data comprising at least one of geographic data, temporal data, and communicant-specific data, that the criteria have been met.

56. canceled without prejudice.

57. (currently amended) The method according to [any of] claim[s 47-56] 55, wherein the telecommunications network is the Public Switched Telephone Network.

58. (currently amended) The method according to [any of] claim[s 47-56] 55, wherein the telecommunications network is a wireless telephony network.

59. (currently amended) The method according to [any of] claim[s 47-56] 55, wherein the telecommunications network is a wireless data network.

60. (currently amended) The method according to [any of] claim[s 47-56] 55, wherein the telecommunications network is the Internet.

61. (currently amended) The method according to [any of] claim[s 47-56] 55, wherein the telecommunications network is an intranet.

62. (currently amended) The method according to [any of] claim[s 47-56] 55, wherein the telecommunications network includes a wireless connection to the Internet.

63. (currently amended) The method according to [any of] claim[s 47-56] 55, wherein the telecommunications network is a cable television network.

64. (currently amended) The method according to [any of] claim[s 47-56] 55, wherein the telecommunications network includes at least two selected from the group consisting of the Public Switched Telephone Network, a wireless telephony network, a wireless data network, the Internet, an intranet, and a cable television network.